

# ROYALTY OF SAMOA'S ISLES

THE world is not so vast, after all, but that our personal experiences may bound it, said Robert Louis Stevenson on the sands of the Apian port, Samoa, as he met the unexpected clasp of American hands and made friends welcome to Vailima, his mountain home.

As an evidence of this fact witness the following story, strange as true, that will find pathetic echo in the breasts of many old comrades who wore the gray in the years of the Civil War.

Colonel Theodore Allen of this city was a former member of the gallant Seventh Ohio Cavalry, and is the only Federal soldier, with the exception of Colonel William Knauss of Columbus, who has been made a member of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Kentucky. One of Colonel Allen's comrades, Captain Martin Schuyler, of the same regiment, who, though more than 60 years of age, was a commissioned officer in the Spanish-American War, related to him the following:

**DRIFTED ABOUT THE WORLD.**  
He said that when his term of service expired in the Philippines that he drifted about the world bent merely upon seeing new scenes and strange faces.

"Won by stories told by Stevenson of the Navigator Islands, now called Samoa, 'Land of the Lotus,' in the South Pacific ocean, I concluded to visit these, and did so, spending seven of the most delightful months of my life. I was loitering one evening at sunset on the sands of Savali when I saw approaching the shore, guided by a native fisherman, a strange little craft, at the helm of which was flying a flag that brought back to me those stirring days of the sixties when the grand old Seventh Ohio was having periodic jousts with Morgan's, Duke's and Pegram's merry men.

"It is the custom with all the boatmen in those seas to display some manner of pennant on their craft. It is no uncommon thing to see the Stars and Crescent hard by the flag of Spain, China or Japan. Many of these colors represent nothing but a heathen desire for decoration of canoe, 'whoom' or smack. The Stars and Stripes are not infrequently seen, as these island groups are under the protection of America, a fact, however, not generally known by the hybrid natives.

**WON BOATMAN'S CONFIDENCE.**  
"My admiration of his boat so won his confidence that he became quite loquacious, and allowed me to examine the colors, which he said an American friend had given him, and which I found to be conventional regimental of time hunting, the hues of which were miraculously preserved, although for more than a quarter of a century the flag had been almost constantly exposed to the weather. The boat, while of the common 'dug-out' variety, was artistically decorated with sea shells, glued to the outside in graceful patterns. I doubt not if those bronzed old war dogs of the Fourth Kentucky could behold their historic colors on its embellished staff that they would at least have no cause to despise its method of upholding. I was surprised and pleased the following morning to be invited to enter his boat for a four mile trip, which he said, it would require to reach his island home. Strange, I thought, that the time has come when I would follow the rebel flag instead of the Union standard.

"About mid-afternoon my host pointed out a little speck in the waters as our destination. Passing splendid reefs of coral, shady bays and crystal shallows we made our way to the shore through picturesque groves of cocoanuts, tamarinds and limes, to his small hut, which, like all those of that section, was open on all sides, covered by a thatched roof. He removed the flag from the staff clutch in the boat and carried it with him to the hut. Later I saw him fix it to the apex of his roof.

**PICTURE WITH A HISTORY.**  
"The day after my arrival my host laid in my hand a little diary, saying: 'Besides this friend, who died here, nothing but a picture, showing an undimmed embryo of a little girl, probably 6 years of age. On the reverse side was written, 'Lela Giltner, Daughter of the Regiment, Carrollton, Ky.' It was difficult to decipher the handwriting of the book, as it had evidently been water-soaked, but by means of a magnifying glass I was able to read disconnected parts, which served to increase my desire to learn the whole story it had to tell. The diary was owned and kept by Henry Clay Renfrew, of Midway, Ky., probably a member of the Fourth Kentucky Cavalry. The writer, indeed, seems to have been a member of several regiments, as he refers to 'My Colonel, Basil Duke, and Captain J. B. Castleman.' He mentions Colonel Giltner as his commanding officer and Captain Bart Jenkins the Captain of his company. And he refers to Adjutant General E. O. Guerrant and Lieutenant Freeman. He also records incidents concerning Brainerd D. Bayless, of Covington, Ky., and George Musgrove, of Carrollton. He tells in vivid language of agonizing marches made by the hungry, half-naked remnants of the regiment through the Carolinas and Georgia. He said that the brigade was then commanded by General Duke, and that it was the last organized body of men who had the honor of escorting President Davis through the South. He said that when General Duke at last made known the fact that the hour had come to surrender to the foe that he, the writer, took the flag from its staff and concealed it under his coat, intending to burn it before allowing it to be captured. But, he added, 'I kept it with me instead when I left America, intending never to return.' The last line reads: 'This is my last hour in the service of the Confederacy.'

# COMMERCIAL NEWS.

**EWA HELD** the center of the stock market during the week past, and with sales of 1000 shares there was not the slightest diminution in interest, and there was at the close of the week the same amount of good feeling that marked the first sale of the stock at the advance of a half point. All the business done might be ascribed to speculation, for the people selling were those who needed the money for other uses. The buying on the other hand was done by the insiders and they are more than anxious to gather in the stock. The rate, \$24.75, was established last week and the brokers expect that it will be higher before it is lower.

After Ewa, its old partner in price, Kahuku, has been noted, although there have been no transactions in the shares. The stock has declined where Ewa advanced, until the offering yesterday was at \$22. This slump was due to the fact that it became known that the dividend on the stock will not be paid longer. The stock has been paying a regular dividend and the fact that sugar is so low has operated against the continuance of the profit, and the improvement in the plantation. The stock has been traded in rather fairly during the past month, but there has been no intimation that the dividend was to pass. The notification that the dividend would not be paid included the additional information that the payment would be stopped until further notice.

Oahu has been traded in to some extent, the basis of the transfers of 212 shares of the assessable and twenty-five of the paid up being \$3 for the former and \$4 for the latter. The stock is fairly shaken out and the sales were of small lots generally, showing that it is simply a matter of paying assessments.

While the two stocks, Oahu and Ewa, were those in which sales were recorded, there is at the same time such conditions in other stocks as to attract the attention of the street. The most salient of the miscellaneous stocks during the week, has been Inter-Island. This company will have a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday at which time there will be passed a resolution authorizing the payment of a dividend of one per cent a month, beginning some time in August. This stock has been held in some disesteem of recent months because of the multitude of rumors that there was great loss in the traffic, but owing to the fact that the funds at hand permit of the payment of the increased dividend, it becomes apparent rumors were without foundation, and that the shares were all the time worth the price formerly ruling, and the entire capacity of the company on a par with its former status. President Ewa has brought about the new condition by earnest work, and his retirement from the executive office will be with the regret of the stockholders.

The meeting of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company yesterday has brought about a new feeling of confidence in the company and while there is none of the stock on the market now, there would be no falling off in price if it were to be put out on the market. The decision of the company to ask for the privilege of increasing the stock to \$150,000 will mean that there will be in the treasury always a full amount of the shares competent to provide for any ordinary draft upon the resources, in the way of permanent improvements. The agents of the plantation carry the overdraft longer than they had expected to do, but this will mean only protection of the present stockholders who have heavy engagements, and will be more able to take up the stock when the issues come on the first of January and the first of July, than they would be if they were all made payable on January 1 of the coming year.

The bond market has been quiet, the only transaction being the sale of \$2,000 of O. B. & L. Company bonds at the ruling rate, \$104.50.

**REAL ESTATE.**  
There has been during the week only one transaction in real property which might be considered as setting a rate for residences in the popular portion of the city. This was in the matter of the sale of the Campbell house at Punahou and Beretania streets to Secretary Cooper. The house has been in the market for many months and was one of those transferred to H. Waterhouse & Company as trustees. The price four months ago was considered high then, but the realization from the property is very low. The price paid for the corner with improvements is \$10,000, which is about 60 per cent of the entire cost to the builders. The real estate cost the firm of Campbell & Minton \$7,500, and the house was built at a minimum of that figure. There are alterations to be made in the house which will make it fitted to the needs of the Secretary and he will take possession soon after his return from the States, which is expected about Sept. 1.

Trustees of Oahu College are considering the opening of a line of road from the lower levels of the College Hills tract to connect with Wilder avenue at a point close to the present termination mauka of Alexander street. The plans which have been laid before the trustees call for the building of the line of road from the present extension of McKinley street or of Oahu avenue, around Rocky Hill, so that the road will skirt the Wall holdings and pass almost the entire way through the college grounds. There has been reached no decision in the matter, and the residents are still urging the improvement.

There has been little general inquiry for homesteads during the past week, and the outlook is that the market will not improve much during the election period. There may be some action in Waikiki business but owing to the fact that there has been reached no decision in the matter of the Kaimuki extension of the Rapid Transit line, there is a stillness in that direction which has caused a dropping off in the quest for sites.

The Hawaiian Board has decided at last that there will be no change in their bases of operation for the present, owing to the fact that there seems no chance that they may sell their properties. The Board now has on its hands the Hyde residence in Beretania street, the Emerson residence just below it, the Theological seminary property in Punahou street and the Kawaiahae Seminary in King street. When it came to buying a new site for the combined school on the hill beyond Kaimuki, the business members of the Board decided that it was not the time for such expenditure.

The new buildings in the center of the city are being rushed along. No new construction is reported.

## STAYED UNTIL HE DIED.

"From what the fisherman told me I judged that the soldier came to the island about the year 1875. So pleased, he said, was the stranger by the graciousness of its climate and wild, free mountain life, that he had no desire to seek further for a congenial home.

"The man dying," the old boatman said, "he made me promise never to part with the flag, the diary or the picture; I told the boatman that I had some knowledge of the people mentioned in the book and that I knew that it would give great pleasure if he would present the same to the Confederate Association of Kentucky. So great was my anxiety to be the means of returning the flag to the survivors of the gallant Fourth that I offered a substantial sum of money for it. But he seemed so grieved at the suggestion that it was not repeated. At sunset he led me down the slope to where, beneath a great cocoanut tree, his friend was laid to rest. On a rude board at his head was laid in letters the inscription: 'Confederate Soldier, a Kentuckian.' He said that the soldier had chosen this for his epitaph."

Upon investigation Colonel Allen learned that Miss Lela Giltner, the original of the picture found in the hut of the fisherman, lives in Cincinnati, a trained nurse well known to the fashionable patients of Drs. Reaney, Gilchrist, Mitchell, Landis, Stark, Magnus, Tate and others. Brainerd Bayless, who was an aid on Colonel Giltner's staff, relates his remembrance of little Lela, the "Daughter of the Regiment," who was often seen in camp when the command was in Kentucky.

An extended account of the services of Miss Giltner during the illness and death of Sir Henry Howe, the distinguished English actor, at the Burnet House appeared in The Enquirer in 1898. He was the friend of Henry Irving, in whose company he had been for 15 years. Owing to Miss Giltner's devoted ministrations she was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch, chain and charm. On the latter is inscribed, "To Miss Lela Giltner, with the kindly remembrances of Henry Irving." Gifts were also received by her from Olga Netherole and Miss Ellen Terry. She bears several medals for services rendered eminent personages, is honorary member of the American Masonic Relief Association and of the U. S. Grant Relief Post of Brooklyn, N. Y., for professional services to some of its prominent members. Miss Giltner, as a member of the Robert Patton Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, is endeavoring, through the assistance of a Samoan officer, to recover the flag for her chapter. Colonel Allen has received letters from agents of the Government asking if it would be possible to learn the whereabouts of Colonel Schuyler, that the United States may obtain his influence to buy the flag. This information Colonel Allen is unable to give, since his wandering comrade is traveling somewhere in the Orient, and has not written for a long time, and moreover, whatever assistance Colonel Allen could give was promised previously to the Robert Patton Chapter for Miss Giltner's sake.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

# WORKED AT NIGHT Waimea Gets Water Works in a Hurry.

(From Monday's daily.)

Superintendent J. H. Boyd of the Department of Public Works returned yesterday from Kauai where he went on a curious mission. Citizens of Waimea protested to him that a private corporation was building a water works into the village, and they objected to the innovation. While the natives made no particular protest against the water, they did object to having the mains run over what they considered their private lands, and Superintendent Boyd was asked to settle the dispute.

When the Waimea Waterworks Co. first began the construction of its water system the Department of Public Works was asked for the use of the streets and roads, and finally the natives in and about Waimea protested to the Department of Honolulu. The Waimea Waterworks Co. was accordingly notified to stop further work until the matter could be investigated, and did so, though all but twenty-six feet of the mains had been laid. Then one dark night the corporation followed the example set by the Rapid Transit Co. in Honolulu and the next morning residents of Waimea woke up to find their town connected with a new and up-to-date water system with pure mountain water at their doors ready for use. They didn't like it, though, and complained to the road officials, who in turn notified Mr. Boyd. When he arrived at Waimea he was met by a delegation of angry natives, the company's digging of trenches at night having aroused the community to action.

A mass meeting was called by Mr. Boyd, at which the situation was thoroughly canvassed. Mr. Boyd, upon investigation, learned that the trenches had been dug over both private and government lands, without any authority, but he was of the opinion that the construction of the waterworks was to the advantage of the people. He explained to the assembled citizens that where before they were compelled to drink foul and dirty water from the streams, they could now get fresh water from the mountains, and it was unanimously voted to permit the water pipes to remain on the land under certain conditions.

The water is brought to Waimea from the mountains four miles above the village, and Mr. Boyd stated last night that it was a good thing for the town, as it would always assure fresh water supply. The line was built by the Waimea Water Works Co., of which C. B. Hoffard is manager and Francis Gay, Olmstead and others are interested. The Legislature appropriated money for the construction of the waterworks at the last session, but the shortage of funds made the work impossible. The private corporation is allowed to remain in the field under certain conditions, one of which is that the Government may take possession when ever it is financially able so to do.

Superintendent Boyd also inspected roads and bridges in the various sections of Kauai. The Waimea bridge is in bad condition and must be rebuilt, though the roads in the district are all right, and in the Koolau district they are also in good shape. The wharf at Nawiliwili is almost a total wreck, and Superintendent Boyd stated yesterday that it will be replaced by a new structure as soon as the plans and specifications can be drawn. The cost of the new docks will be \$1500 to \$2000.

## Porto Rican Family on Wharf.

Some Porto Ricans are original. There was an original Porto Rican man and also his wife and child, on the Wilder's wharf all day Sunday. They came down from Hilo on the steamer Kinai and having no place to go to, packed their baggage up in a corner of the street. Early Sunday morning they returned to the wharf and a man was spread out upon which the woman and child lay asleep during the entire day, while the man went about the town looking for a place to live. Many people looking about the wharves stopped to gaze at the pair lying asleep on the mats. The child, a pretty, curly-haired, fat youngster of about seven years, only had a sort of skirt about him and while lying on the dock mosquitoes gave him terrible punishment. The mosquitoes seemed to enjoy the feat, but they did not seem able to affect the Porto Rican woman, as she was sound asleep all day long. Many people took pity on the woman and child, but when they spoke of offering them assistance a native on the wharf simply grinned and said, "Let 'em alone, mister, they're used to it."

## Sailing Ships Looming.

"Yes," said a shipping man on Saturday, "the sailing ships in the carrying trade to and from the coast are now getting the small end of the stick and the big cargo steamers are doing most all the business. In a few months I expect to see a lot of the sailors who now trade with Hawaiian ports knocked off altogether and placed in more profitable runs to foreign countries." The good old sailing ship which has battled against all kinds of weather for years and served Hawaiian merchants loyally is being slowly but surely pushed out of the trade and the business is going to the large vessels which can carry goods cheaper and quicker. During the past few weeks many of the wind-jammers have come here with very light cargoes and been returned again to the coast almost empty. On July 15 the total tonnage on the way to Hawaiian ports was 42,647; in the same period of 1901 the tonnage on the way amounted to 75,894. The difference is a vast one.

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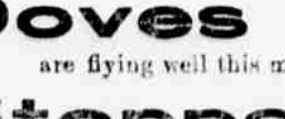
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